

Grazing, or Pasture-to-Pasture, Permits

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Grazing permits, also called pasture-to-pasture permits, are important to producers to facilitate short-term grazing options in adjoining states. Producers can move an established group of cattle, with some exemptions, from regular daily movement.

Grazing permits are issued jointly between Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

What is needed:

- When requesting a grazing permit, an application, along with required test results, must be completed in the originating state and submitted at least **15 days in advance** of anticipated movement. This allows time for both states to approve the application.
- Cattle moving on grazing permits are exempt from a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) except for cattle moving to Idaho, which requires a CVI when cattle enter or leave the state. The initial CVI must be submitted with the grazing permit application.
- All female cattle over 4 months must be officially vaccinated for brucellosis with a legible tattoo in the right ear. All cattle must have official identification.

Testing requirements:

- Herd bulls must test negative for trichomoniasis within the last 12 months. The test result must be submitted with the grazing permit application.

Approval:

- The application is sent to the originating state office, along with any required testing documents and CVI's. The application packet is then reviewed by the originating state and either returned to the producer for corrections or approved. If approved, a permit number is assigned to the application. The packet is forwarded to the destination state office for their approval. If any requirements of the destination state are not met, the application will be denied and returned for corrections.
- When the application has been approved by both state offices (destination state has issued a permit number), a copy of the approved permit will be sent to the originating state office and to the producer. This permit must accompany each load of cattle. Animals may be shipped only **after** the approved pasture permit is received.

Brand Inspection:

An ownership inspection (brand inspection certificate) is required for all cattle leaving the state of Washington. Calves may be exempt from the livestock inspection fee if they meet the following criteria:

- Part of a cow-calf pair
- Branded with the owner's Washington brand or bearing an 840 tag
- On an approved pasture movement permit

Producers must provide the approved permit number to the brand inspector, who will record the permit number on the brand inspection certificate. Calves are not exempt from the Animal Disease Traceability fees.

All cattle moved on the pasture-to-pasture permit must be returned to the state of origin after the grazing season, which is not more than six months. There can be no change of ownership during this time and is for breeding herds only.

For more information on grazing permits, call 360-902-1878.

- [Pasture to Pasture Permit](#)
- [WAC 16-54-088 Temporary grazing permits](#)
- [WAC 16-54-086 Bovine trichomoniasis requirements](#)
- [Oregon Requirements](#)
- [Idaho Requirements](#)